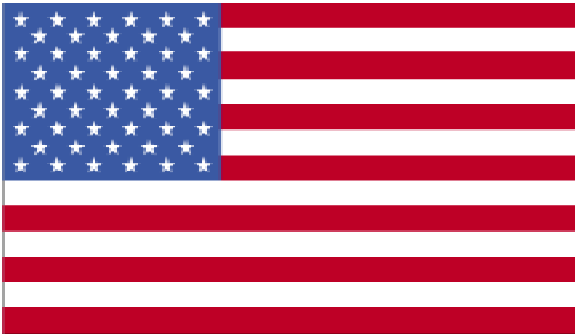


# **Photo Highlights from South India**

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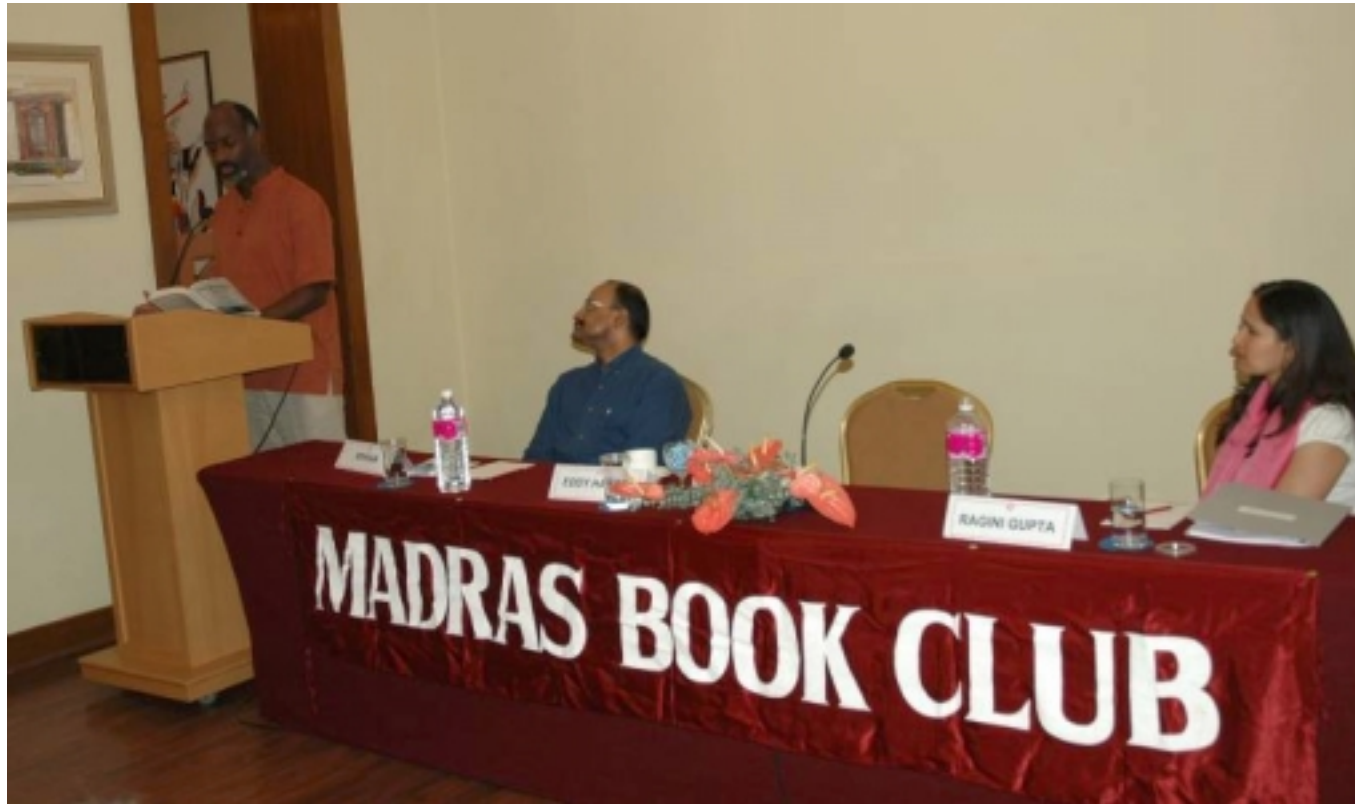
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Deputy Chief of Mission Geoffrey Pyatt addresses the press at the opening of new visa windows at the American Consulate General on May 15.



Consul General David Hopper (right) speaks to members of the press as Deputy Chief of Mission Geoff Pyatt looks on.



Mr. Eddy Harris reads an excerpt from his book "Mississippi Solo" and forthcoming book "Black American in Paris" to members of the Madras Book Club, on May 2. Also in the picture are Mr. Sriram, Madras Book Club, and Ms. Ragini Gupta, Cultural Affairs Officer, American Consulate General.



At an informal discussion on life on a U.S. campus, for students in Chennai, on May 29. Mr. Rajkumar Chellaraj (second from left), Assistant Secretary, Administration, U.S. Department of State, flanked by Ms. Shareen Crasta (left) , Mr. Damon Kitterman, and Ms. Kelly Kopcial, Vice Consuls, Chennai.



Students from Chennai discuss life on a U.S. campus.



Mr. Rajkumar Chellaraj, Assistant Secretary, Administration, U.S. Department of State, and Chennai Consul General David Hopper admire the ceiling of the recently renovated Senate House, for which the U.S. Government provided funding.



Mr. Rajkumar Chellaraj Assistant Secretary, Administration, U.S. Department of State (left) visited his Alma Mater and called on Mr. Ramachandran, Vice-Chancellor of Madras University, on May 29. Consul General David Hopper looks on.



Consul General David Hopper welcomes a gathering of journalists at a media round table organized to celebrate World Press Freedom Day, on May 2.



Public Affairs Officer Mr. Frederick J. Kaplan moderates the discussion on press freedom, attended by senior journalists in Chennai.



Cultural Affairs Officer Ragini Gupta speaks to Rotarians on her impressions of Pakistan, on May 22.



Dr. Meera Ramanathan (right), Lecturer, Department of English, Loyola College, speaks with Ragini Gupta after the discussion.



Mr. Pete Crear, Chief Executive Officer, World Council of Credit Unions (left), and Mr. Jeffrey Ashe, Manager of Community Finance, Oxfam America, participate via Digital Video Conference on a discussion on Self Help Groups and Microfinance in Madurai on May 15.



Mr. P. Vasimalai, Executive Director, DHAN Foundation, Madurai and Mr. M. Kalyanasundaram, Chief Executive, INAFI India, moderating the digital video conference on Self-Help Groups and Microfinance in Madurai, which was attended by over 70 microfinance professionals and students.